

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 16, 2020
To: Harbor Commission
From: Karl Treiberg, Acting Waterfront Director
Subject: **Director's Report**

COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Council approved a Lease Agreement with Boat Launch Mini Mart, LLC, for a Term of Five Years with One, Five-Year Option.

ALTERNATIVE USE OF THE OIL PLATFORMS EXPO

On November 20, 2019, the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum (SBMM) hosted the Alternative Use of the Oil Platforms Expo. The goal of the Expo was to inform and educate the public about the different options available for creating alternative uses of the Santa Barbara Channel oil platforms as many of them head towards decommissioning. The State Lands Commission will begin the environmental review process for Platform Holly in the near future. The review process and ultimate decision on decommissioning will be an important issue for the harbor community in the next few years.

COMMERCIAL FISHING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

The Harbor Commission Commercial Fishing Subcommittee met on December 10, 2019, to review parcels with the proper zoning that include commercial fishing facilities as an allowed use. The meeting was well attended and identified several action items for staff and commercial fishing representatives to pursue in an effort to move forward with identifying preferred properties. This effort will continue over the next several months and staff will report back to the full Harbor Commission on the progress.

EAST BEACH MOORING PROGRAM PUBLIC MEETING

On December 19, 2019, a public meeting was held to discuss expanding the use of the East Beach Mooring Program to allow storing seafood products on moorings. Several commercial fishermen attended the meeting expressing interest in the storage of seafood products as well as other uses such as accommodating research efforts. Any changes to the program need to be reviewed by a number of regulatory agencies that have permitted the Program. Staff will revise the project description for the East Beach Mooring Program and contact the regulatory agencies to determine if existing permit amendments are necessary.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING

- White Abalone Recovery Program
- Mid-year Budget Status

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